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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 3501

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, VS

SUBJ: SMALL ANTI-GVN DEMONSTRATION IN SAIGON; ONE "STUDENT"

ARRESTED

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

1. AT ABOUT 0920 MARCH 16 GVN POLIC APPREHENDED ONE 18-YEAR OLD VIETNAMESE NAMED DO SON TUNG WHO WAS PARTICIPATING IN AN ANTI-GVN DEMONSTRATION AT THE SAIGON CENTRAL MARKET. TUNG WITH PERHAPS SIX OR EIGHT OTHERS RODE THROUGH THE MARKETPLACE ON HONDAS, DISTRUBUTING LEAFLETS, DETONATING ONE RED SMOKE GRENADE, AND BURNING SOME KEROSENE-SOAKED RAGS. GVN POLICE QUICKLY DISPERSED THE HONDA RIDERS BUT WERE ABLE TO APPREHEND ONLY TUNG. WHO IS DESCRIBED IN EARLY POLICE REPORTS AS A "STUDENT".

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2. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND LITTLE IF ANY PROPERTY DAMAGE.

SAIGON WAS OTHERWISE QUIET THIS AM, ALTHOUGH THERE IS A SLIGHTLY ENHANCED POLICE PRESENCE AT THE MARKET.

3. THE LEAFLETS REPORTEDLY CALLED FOR THE RELEASE OF STUDENT JUYNH TAN MAM, A FORMER RADICAL STUDENT LEADER WHO WAS ARRESTED IN EARLY 1972 AND WHOSE NAME IS FREQUENTLY MENTIONED BY GVN OPPONENTS AS A "POLITICAL PRISONER", THE RELEASE OF ALL OTHER "POLITICAL PRISONERS" HELD BY THE GVN, AND THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT.

4. WHILE WE HAVE AS YET NO HARD EVIDENCE, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT RADICAL DISSIDENT MRS NGO BA THANH WAS INVOLVED IN INSTIGATING TODAY'S SMALL DEMONSTRATION. MRS THANH IS RELIABLY REPORTED TO HAVE SOUGHT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS SINCE HER RELEASE FROM JAIL LAST SEPT TO INCITE STUDENTS TO DEMONSTRATE IN THE HOPE OF PROVOKING A CONFRONTATION WITH THE AUTHORITIES.

5. ELSEWHERE IN SAIGON YESTERDAY AND TODAY, SEVERAL GROUPS OF STUDENTS NUMBERING 40-50 HAVE ASSEMBLED AND MARCHED TO ICCS HEADQUARTERS WITH PROTESTS AGAINST THE RECENT COMMUNIST ATROCITY IN CAI LAY. THE ORGANIZATION OF THESE ANTI-COMMUNIST STUDENT PROTESTS MAY HAVE BEEN SEIZED UPON BY ANTI-GVN ELEMENTS AS AN OPPORTUNITY/EXCUSE TO LAUNCH AN INITIATIVE OF THEIR OWN.

6. WHILE THERE IS ALWAYS A POSSIBILITY THAT OTHER SMALL INCIDENTS OF THIS NATURE MAY OCCUR, WE DO BELIEVE THAT ANTI-GVN ELEMENTS ARE IN NO POSITION TO INCITE ANYTHING MAJOR.

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